

SAL MAGUNDE.

AGRICULTURAL.

My Wife's Relation.

At my wife and I, at the window one day,
Stood watching a man with a monkey,
A cart came by with a 'broth of boy.'
Who was driving a stout little donkey.
To my wife I then spoke, by way of a joke,
There's a relation of yours in that carriage
To which she replied, as the donkey she
spied,
Ah, yes, a relation—by marriage!

EPITAPH UPON AN AGRICULTURAL MAN.

At rest beneath this church yard stone
Lies stingy Jimmy Wyatt;
He died one morning just at ten,
And saved a dinner by it.

THE OLDEST PROFESSION.—A lawyer and a doctor were discussing the antiquity of their respective professions, and each cited authority to prove his the most ancient.—'Mine,' said the lawyer, 'commenced almost with the world's era. Cain slew his brother Abel, and that was a criminal case at law.' 'True,' rejoined the doctor, 'but my profession is coeval with the creation itself. Old Mother Eve was made out of a surgical operation.'

CONSOLATION.—A clergyman catechising the youths of his church, put the first question from a catechism to a young girl:—

'What is your concern with life and death?'

The poor girl answered, 'I am a sinner.'

The clergyman said, 'Well, then, you will be sent to hell; but it is a young person's hell.'

A PAPER GIRL.—A paper girl, a servant of Toulouse, France, says: 'It is a large town, containing six thousand inhabitants built of brick!'

This is equalled only by a well known description of Albany, which runs thus: 'Albany is a city of five hundred houses and twenty-five hundred inhabitants mostly with their gable ends to the street!'

A BOARDING MISS.—Deeming the word 'eat,' too vulgar for refined ears, defines it thus:—To insert nutritious papulon in the denticulated office below the nasal protuberance which being masticated, peripatetes through the cartilaginous cavities of the larynx, and is finally domiciliated in the receptacle for digestible particles.

An epitaph upon a tombstone in England reads thus:—'Sacred to the memory of Jonathan Thompson, a pious Christian and an affectionate husband. His disconsolate widow continues to carry on the triple and trotter business at the same place as before her bereavement.'

THE HONEYMOON.—A clergyman being much pressed by a lady of his acquaintance to preach a sermon on the first Sunday after her marriage, complied and chose the following passage in the Psalms for his text: 'And let there be abundance of peace—while the moon endureth.'

SHOCKING.—A very small pattern of a man, lately solicited the hand of a fine, buxom girl. 'Oh, no,' said the fair lady. 'I can't think of it for a moment. The fact is, you're a little too big to put in a cradle, and not quite big enough to put in a bed!'

HOW CHANGEABLE THE WIND IS.—said an old lady. It is the changeablest thing I ever did see. When I went up to Washington street, it was blowing in my face, and when I turned to go down, don't you think it went blowin' on my back?

AN HONEST PATRIOT.—An honest Patrioning a cow, said she would never run over her again, without having done her a turn in the brade, for be jist out o' a cow what never had a cubiture.

OUR SON'S FAMILY.—The system of planetary bodies revolving around our sun, consists, so far as known at present, of 41 primary planets, 20 satellites, 3 planetary rings, and about 800 comets.

'What is that dog barking at?' asked a boy whose boots were more polished than his ideas. 'Why' said a bystander, 'he sees another puppy in your boots.'

'It is a very solemn thing to be married,' said Aunt Bethany. 'Yes, but it is a great deal more solemn not to be, said the maid of twenty.'

GENTLEMEN, said a public speaker, is not one man as good as another? Yes, he is, and a huge Patrioner, and a good deal better, sure.

A YOUNG LADY.—A young lady being asked by a boring politician which party she was in favor of, replied that she preferred a wedding party.

JOLLYBONES.—Jollybones drew a conclusion the other day. He has had the lumbago ever since.

THE YOUNG WOMAN.—The young woman who was "driven to distraction," now fears she will have to walk back.

EARLY VEGETABLES.

It should be a matter of study to learn in what way a few days in advance can be accomplished in producing culinary vegetables. All those crops usually able to bear transplanting, should be brought forward by every facility that can be employed for this purpose. Whether this is to consist of a box in the kitchen window for a few lettuce, cabbage, tomato &c. or the hot-bed, or front shelf of a greenhouse, must depend in a measure upon the resources at command for the purpose. It is not uncommon to find persons with rather poor contrivances, little, if any, behind their neighbors who may have every facility but not the judgment or tact to apply them to the best account. To see the border on the south or sunny side of a building or fence devoted to small beds of carrots, round beets, radishes, lettuce, cabbage, and the like, even if only small in quantity, argues a thorough devotion to making the most of circumstances within reach. Such a border, be it wet and clayey, is greatly modified for the purposes named, by being elevated a foot or so above the surrounding level; then mix a goodly quantity of sandy material with the soil; it alone, everything else being equal, will hasten the early crop from seven to ten days at least. The fine particles of sand readily absorb the heat from the sun during the day, which greatly assists in warding off any extra coldness that may occasionally visit us at a trying late season. In case of a decided cold blow, which usually does not last over three days at most, an exceedingly thin coating of hay wards off much danger, and may be the means of saving a crop. Then again a few dozen boxes with a pane of glass to each, are very useful in protecting tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, cauliflowers, etc., through such an ordeal.

Taken in the long run, how little their cost, yet how useful.

Nor must proper kinds for early sowing be lost sight of. The round Bassano beet will come fit for use ten days before any long kind; so of Early horn, or French Short horn carrot, over either the long kinds; the small Early York, over large kinds of cabbage; the true Ash leaf over other kinds of potatoes; the early Six weeks over later kinds of beans; the early over late kinds of peas; Woods' early frame over the turnip rooted radish, and so on.—Edgar Sanders.

TAR ON FRUIT TREES.

We see in one of our agricultural exchanges that a correspondent has applied tar to his fruit-trees as a remedy against injury by mice in girdling them, and asks the editor whether the tar will be in any way likely to injure the young trees. Reply is made that the tar will produce no injury. Abundant experience in this matter proves that our cotemporary is mistaken. We have seen nearly whole orchards killed by the application of tar at the base of the stem of the trees, extending only one foot high; this may not be the case in every instance; but if the tar is applied so as to form a complete covering, and it speedily becomes dry, it forms a case as impervious as a benzene coat of mail—entirely closing the pores of the bark, which must necessarily cause the loss of the tree; the bark of trees, like the skin of animals, contains numerous pores, which perform certain important functions, without which disease must follow.

EARLY CHICKENS.—Now is the time to save up the eggs for setting the hens as they show a disposition to go into that maternal occupation. Early chickens are worth double the value of those that are hatched after the spring season is over; the little yelping things shiver about in the fall mornings, never get to be better than blackbirds.

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